

MERLE MILLER AWARD
Eagle Scout Project of the Year 2023
Crossroads of America Council
NOMINATION

The Merle Miller award recognizes an Eagle Scout whose Eagle Scout Service Project is selected as the Crossroads of America council's outstanding project from the year prior to the nomination deadline.

Merle H. Miller (1905-1997) was a prominent attorney and civic leader in the Indianapolis community. He earned the rank of Eagle in 1921 in Indianapolis Boy Scout Troop 82. He served on Camp Belzer staff and was a Firecrafter Minisino. He also served as Chief of the Firecrafter organization. He co-founded the Ice Miller law firm in Indianapolis, and was named a Sagamore of the Wabash in 1989 for his tireless work in support of various organizations, including Scouting. This award continues to be possible each year through the generosity of the Merle Miller family and Ice Miller LLP.

The honoree will also be nominated by the council for the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams national Eagle Scout Service Project of the year award. For this reason, all council nominations are to be submitted on the national form (attached). Winners at the regional and national level are recognized with additional scholarships.

Application Deadline for 2023 Eagle Scout: **January 21, 2024**

Selection Process:

- An Eagle Scout, the Scout's parent, or any registered BSA volunteer (with the Eagle Scout's permission) may submit an Eagle Scout service project for consideration.
- The Scout passed an Eagle Scout board of review in the 2023 calendar year in the Crossroads of America council.
- The nomination consists only of the attached form and a complete duplicate copy of the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook previously submitted to the council for the Scout's board of review.
- The Crossroads of America council honoree will be selected in February.
- The winning project will then be submitted for regional and national consideration.
- The Merle Miller Eagle Scout Project of the Year award is presented at the annual council awards dinner.
- The accompanying \$1,000 college scholarship is paid directly to the institution in which the candidate enrolls.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Project planning
- Effort to develop the project and overcome challenges
- Extent and character of leadership provided by the Scout
- Extent of achievement of the planned result
- Project's impact on the beneficiary and/or on the community at large
- Project's leverage, inspiring others to act
- Originality and lasting impact of the project
- Scope of the work
- Time and materials contributed
- Level of skill employed to complete the project

The nomination form and project workbook attachment may be submitted either in person, by mail, or by email. It must be *received* not later than January 21, 2024 to be considered.

Mail or deliver to: Crossroads of America Council
Boy Scouts of America
ATTN: Advancement Advisor
7125 Fall Creek Road North Indianapolis, IN 46256

or email to BOTH: advancement@crossroadsbsa.org
advancement.cac@gmail.com



The Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award

Name _____

Home address _____ Email address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent or guardian _____ Home phone No. _____ Board of review date _____

Council headquarters city _____ Council No. _____ Territory _____

Nominated by _____ Phone No. _____

Name of service project _____

Project summary (a short, concise description)

Project website/other online references (if applicable):

SCOUT'S CONSENT

I hereby consent to the submission of my Eagle Scout service project for consideration of this award.

Scout's signature _____ Date _____

COUNCIL APPROVAL

The _____ Council NESA Committee has selected _____ as recipient of the **Council Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award**. We hereby submit this nomination to the territory selection committee for consideration as recipient of the Territory Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award.

NESAs committee chair Date _____

Committee staff adviser Date _____

TERRITORY APPROVAL

The _____ Territory NESA Committee has selected the nominee on this form as recipient of the **NST Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award**. We hereby submit this application to the national NESA Committee for consideration as recipient of the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award.

NESAs committee chair Date _____

Committee staff adviser Date _____



Nomination Procedures

The National Eagle Scout Association has established the **Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award** to recognize valuable service of an exceptional nature by a Scout to a religious institution, a school, community, or other entity. The award recognizes the Scout for their Eagle Scout service project, which is part of the requirements for earning the Eagle Scout Award. Each local council will choose a council-level winner, and from that pool, each National Service Territory (NST) will pick a NST-level winner. A national winner then will be selected from the 16 NST finalists.

Council Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award. On or before January 31 of each year, an Eagle Scout, a parent, or any registered BSA volunteer (with the Eagle Scout's permission) may submit their Eagle Scout service project for consideration. The Scout must have passed their Eagle board of review between January 1 – December 31 of the prior year. Each council NESA committee will choose one winner from among the council nominees. The winner will receive a certificate and a bronze device for the Eagle Scout embroidered knot from the National Eagle Scout Association. All projects nominated for the council award are eligible to receive a special embroidered patch recognizing that their project was nominated. In addition, the council winner should be presented with the bronze council winner patch. An order form will be sent to the council upon submission of council nomination. It is recommended that each winner's name be added to a perpetual plaque located in the council service center or other prominent local council facility, provided by the council. All council winners will be considered for the NST Eagle Scout Project of the Year Award. However, to be considered for the NST award, the council's winning project must be submitted on or before February 28 of the year in which the project was selected as the winner. Council winners shall submit a link to an HD video about their project to the national NESA office at the time their submission is made to the NST.

NST Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award. NST NESA committees will select one winner for each NST on or before April 4 each year. NST award winners will be considered for the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award. The fifteen NST winners who do not win the national award will receive \$300, to be available for their future educational purposes or to attend a national or international Scouting event or facility. All NST winners will receive a certificate, a gold device for the Eagle Scout embroidered knot and a gold embroidered patch signifying their achievement. The national winner will receive only the national prize as described below

Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award. One winner will be selected by **April 23** of each year, in time to be announced at the National Annual Meeting in May. The national award winner will receive a certificate, a silver device for the Eagle embroidered knot, a silver border embroidered patch, and a cash award of \$3,500 that will be available for the Scout's future educational purposes or to attend a national or international Scouting event or venue.

Submission Guidelines

The nomination shall be submitted to the NESA committee of the council in which the service project was completed on or before **January 31** of each year. The submission must include this application, a name and summary of the project, and the Eagle Scout's contact information. A complete duplicate copy of the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook (previously submitted by the Scout to the Eagle board of review committee) must be attached to the application.

Evaluation criteria

Each local council NESA committee shall select one service project of the year from among those meeting the submission guidelines. The included criteria and other factors are all appropriate for consideration by the committee in selecting the winners. Evaluation criteria for this award should include consideration of at least the following:

- Project planning required
- Effort to develop the project, taking into account challenges overcome by the Scout such as disability or limited financial capacity for the Scout/Scout family
- Extent and character of the leadership provided by the Scout
- Extent of achievement of the planned result, including changes or modifications required to complete the project
- Project's impact on the beneficiary and/or on the community at large
- Did the project create a "leverage opportunity" where it inspires others to expand the scope of the project
- Originality of the project
- Scope of the work
- Time and materials contributed
- Level of skill employed to complete the project

Each council should **email** a scanned copy of the winning *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook—including attachments—to the National Eagle Scout Association at adamsaward@scouting.org by February 28 of each year. Hard copies will be returned and not considered for the NST award. NESA will only accept the winning projects submitted by the local council staff or local council NESA committee representative. Applications received by February 28 will be considered for selection of the *NST Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award* winner. The NST NESA committee shall be composed of three or four members, preferably with a majority of Eagle Scouts. NST NESA committees will select one winner for each NST on or before April 4 each year.*

Email applications to adamsaward@scouting.org.